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August 22, 2003

Mr. Thomas M. Dorman Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

DAMON R. TALLEY

RE: Dathan Lee Lane Complaint

Garrard County Water Association, Inc.

Case No. 2002-00414

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the Response of Garrard County Water Association, Inc. to the information requested by Commission Staff.

Yours truly,

DAMON R. TALLEY, P.S.C.

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GARRARD COUNTY WATER

ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Enclosures

cc: Garrard County Water Association, Inc.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

DATHAN LEE LANE)
COMPLAINANT))
VS.) CASE NO. 2002-00414
GARRARD COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.)
DEFENDANT	<i>)</i>)

RESPONSE OF GARRARD COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. **TO INFORMATION REQUEST**

Comes the Garrard County Water Association, Inc. ("Garrard Water"), by Counsel, and for its Response to the Information Request made by Commission Staff at the Informal Conference states as follows:

Introduction. At the Informal Conference held on April 24, 2003, 1. Dathan Lee Lane ("Lane") raised the issue of whether Garrard Water had installed water meters on property not owned by the customers served by those meters. In essence, Mr. Lane alleged that Garrard Water was violating its own policy as set forth in its tariff. Specifically, he mentioned the following:

- a. Kenneth Todd Meter;
- b. Montgomery Property on Lewis-Ward Road; and
- c. Saylor Property on High Bridge Road.
- 2. Kenneth Todd Meter. The water line and meter servicing Mr. Todd's property were installed in 1996 as part of a project financed by Rural Development ("RD"). Mr. Todd's meter is not located on the Todd property. It is located on the opposite side of a creek (the East Fork of Back Creek) from the Todd property. Garrard Water's water distribution line runs along Hurt Lane. There is a narrow strip of land between Hurt Lane (a county road) and the creek. The water meter is located on the narrow strip. The narrow strip of land is either part of the county road right-of-way or it is owned by Bradley Barnes. In any event, RD personnel strongly "suggested" that the meter be located so that Garrard Water would not incur the initial expense of running a service line across the creek. By doing so, Garrard Water also avoided the monthly chore of having to cross the creek to read the meter.
- 3. Montgomery Property on Lewis-Ward Road. The meter is question is now located on property other than that served. In 1996 when the water line and meters were initially installed along Lewis-Ward Road, however, all meters were

by that meter (See the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**). Since Mr. Lane raised the issue about improperly located meters on Lewis-Ward Road, Garrard Water's staff has gone to the Garrard County Courthouse to investigate. This research indicates that there have been numerous real estate transfers along Lewis-Ward Road since the meters were initially installed. As a result, the property ownership and boundary lines are now different from what existed in 1996.

4. Saylor Property on High Bridge Road. There are four (4) households of the Saylor family living on various properties along High Bridge Road. Mr. Lane specifically mentioned that the meter for Nancy and Ronnie Saylor was not located on their property. This information is incorrect. The meter for Nancy and Ronnie Saylor is located on their property. Nancy and Ronnie Saylor own an access strip of land 15 feet in width which extends from High Bridge Road to their five (5) acre parcel of land where their house is located. The water meter for Nancy and Ronnie Saylor is located on their access strip adjacent to High Bridge Road. In addition, a field investigation made by Garrard Water's staff confirms that all meters located along this portion of High Bridge Road are properly located on property owned by the customer served by that particular meter.

5. Recent Short Water Line Extensions. Attached as Exhibit B is a list of short water line extensions that have been constructed within the past few years. These water lines were constructed pursuant to Garrard Water's Rules and Regulations which are consistent with the Commission's regulations, 807KAR5:066, Section 11 pertaining to water line extensions. These short water line extensions were necessary so that each customer's water meter would be located on his or her own property. This demonstrates that Garrard Water is serious about complying with its own rules and regulations and consistently enforces these policies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have mailed a true copy of the foregoing Response this day of August, 2003, to the following:

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RECENT SHORT WATER LINE EXTENSIONS

- Prewitt Property Manse Road 460 feet of distribution line subdivided property to be served – 2003
- Rogers Property One tenth of a mile east of Paint Lick 420 feet of distribution line

 house and small farm having no frontage on Highway 52 where existing water main
 is located 2002.
- 3. Hampton Property Sea Cadet Road extension of 280 feet required to serve property as subdivided 2002.
- 4. Four families on Fuzzy Duck Road extension of 380 feet required to serve these properties 2002
- Osborne Property Sunset Lodge Road after subdividing the property extension of 180 feet required to relocate water meter so that it is now located on the property served – 2001
- 6. Anderson Property Lane Road purchased property 260 feet west of Highway 1972 where existing water main is located 260 foot extension required 2002

Additionally, there are four more such situations for the year 2000, three for 1999, one for 1998, one for 1997 and four in 1992.